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1. Up to 16 December 1947 only a few Yugoslavs had registered. After registering, each took a special medical examination in the Shanghai Soviet Polyclinic. The Shanghai Soviet Consulate official explanation is that the "registration is a routine matter as the Soviet Consulate, by agreement with the Yugoslav government, has taken over the obligation for protection of local Yugoslav citizens. Soon this same procedure will apply to citizens in Shanghai of Bulgaria, Albania and Hungary; Polish citizens in Shanghai have already completed their registration; Rumania will soon have its own consulate in Shanghai."
2. In March 1948 Moscow will offer another voluntary repatriation for Soviet citizens and at that time it is expected that the governments of Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Albania will also "use the good offices of the Soviet Consulate for including their nationals in this voluntary repatriation." At the time of this repatriation from Shanghai, indirect pressure will be applied to all those eligible for repatriation but unwilling to register. Only those considered essential for local work or for "some work" abroad will be exempted from repatriation in March 1948.
3. After the March 1948 repatriation, it is planned to include the comparatively small remaining number of citizens of Soviet satellite states in an Association of Slavic Citizens, composed mostly of Soviet citizens and Poles. The Soviet clubs and newspapers will propagandize for the formation of this Association, whose main purposes will be primarily to spread propaganda and secondarily to recruit American and other foreign nationals of Slavic origin serving in the merchant marine or military service abroad.

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